

# The 1995 Uncirculated Coin Set

Uncirculated Coin Sets are produced in Philadelphia and Denver. These two enormous money factories have histories that coin collectors always find interesting.

# The Philadelphia Mint

An Act of Congress in 1792 established the U.S. Mint and our national coinage. The Philadelphia Mint is the oldest mint in the United States (the current building, however, houses the newest mint.) The original mint was the first federal building erected by the new nation, and Philadelphia was chosen because it was the first U.S. Capital during George Washington's presidency.

In those days the country was small, and so was the mint. It was sixty feet square and was heated with coal. Candles and whale oil were used for light. Power was furnished by oxen, horses, and manual labor until 1816, when a small steam engine was installed. The first steam press was introduced twenty years later in 1836.

Early Philadelphia minters used screw presses to "strike" coins. Milling was by hand, and annealing furnaces were heated with wood. Security was provided by a lone night watchman and a dog. Early mint records show the price of the dog, \$3, and an expense item for its food. The watchman rang a bell at intervals after his rounds to inform Philadelphia's citizens that the mint was safe.

Today, using state-of-the-art computers and robots, a single milling machine mills as many coins in an hour as several men then produced in a week. One modern coining press strikes in an hour more pieces than four men struck in a day. All of the mint's engravers are located at Philadelphia, and all coin dies are created there for use at other facilities.

#### The Denver Mint

The Denver Mint was established by an Act of Congress in 1862, and started in 1863 as a United States Assay Office. The government bought the building from a private mint for \$25,000. As an assay office, the Denver facility provided an important service to local miners. They brought in gold dust and nuggets for melting, assaying, and stamping into gold bars. Bars were returned to them stamped with the weight and fineness of the gold.

The growing nation's demand for coinage made it necessary to expand the Denver Mint into a production facility. Wings were added, and larger facilities were built. The Denver Mint now produces more than 8 billion coins annually.

Many collectors remember fondly the U.S. Mint's Uncirculated Coin Sets as the first pieces they purchased for their collection -and have purchased every year since. Uncirculated Coin Sets also make excellent gifts. They can spark a life-long interest in coin collecting. And the U.S. Mint's annual series of Uncirculated Coin Sets make collecting easy, because every coin we spend every day from the Philadelphia and Denver Mints is included in one package.

The 1995 Uncirculated Coins are the latest in a tradition that dates back to 1792, when Congress authorized the minting of the first national coinage. By purchasing these coins year after year, you're taking part in the richness of our national heritage.



# Get in to the excitement of collecting...

# Pieces of Our Heritage...

Each coin in the 1995 Uncirculated Coin Set has a wonderful history.

#### The Lincoln Cent

was issued in 1909 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of our 16th President. Abraham Lincoln's portrait is on the obverse. The tiny letters "VDB" at the base of Lincoln's shoulder are the initials of the coin's designer, Victor D. Brenner.

# The Jefferson Nickel

was issued in 1938. A bust of our third President, Thomas Jefferson, appears on the obverse, created by designer Felix Schlag, who was selected from 390 artists. The reverse depicts Jefferson's Virginia home, Monticello. This design replaced the buffalo represented on earlier nickels.

## The Roosevelt Dime

was issued in 1946 to commemorate the death of our 32nd President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was a supporter of the March of Dimes Program. The Roosevelt dime replaced the Mercury dime, which took its name from the wings on the cap of Liberty. The designer was John R. Sinnock.

## The Washington Quarter

was issued in 1932, the 200th anniversary of the birth of our first President, George Washington. John Flanagan's design of Washington proudly adorns the coin's obverse and is based on a famous bust by sculptor Jean Antoine Houdon.

## The Kennedy Half Dollar

was issued in 1964, a year after the assassination of our 35th President, John F. Kennedy. He was the youngest President to be memorialized on a United States coin. This coin shows the artistry of two former Chief Engravers of the Mint: Gilroy Roberts, obverse, and Frank Gasparro, reverse.

Price: \$8.00

Coins have been enlarged to show detail.

# How to Order Your 1995 Uncirculated Coin Sets

To order your 1995 United States Mint Uncirculated Coin Sets, complete the enclosed order card. Place the card and your remittance in the pre-addressed envelope provided for your convenience. Please read the reverse of the order card for important ordering information.

When you place your order, be sure to remember friends and relatives -- Uncirculated Coin Sets make wonderful gifts. We have provided a pass-a-long order form for you to share this opportunity with others. If you have questions about your order, please contact:

Customer Service Center United States Mint 10001 Aerospace Road Lanham, Maryland 20706 (202) 283-COIN or (202) 283-2646

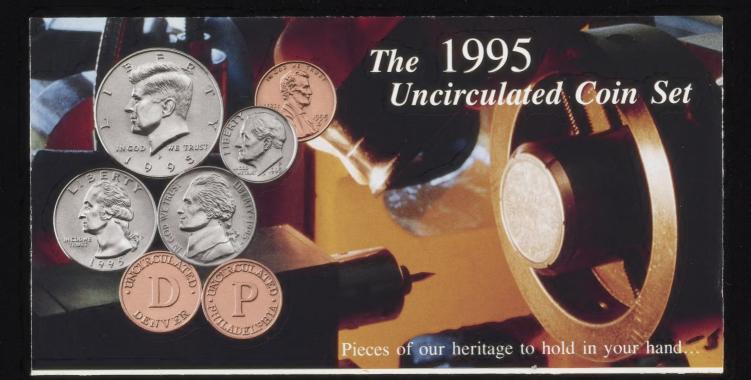
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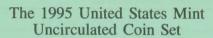
Calls after normal business hours will be answered by our new state-of-the-art telephone system. Customers can hear coin program information, add their names to our mailing list, and request return calls for the next business day.

### COLLECTOR'S RECORD

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Date of Order	
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Order Description	

Designed and printed in the U.S.A.





Introduce your friends to the wonderful world of coin collecting. The 1995 Uncirculated Coin Set is the cornerstone of U.S. coin collectors. They include two each of the Lincoln Cent, Jefferson Nickel, Roosevelt Dime, Washington Quarter and Kennedy Half Dollar, plus the mint mark pieces from both producing Mints - Philadelphia and Denver. Pass this order form along to a friend.



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#### Dear Valued Customer:

I am proud to introduce the 1995 Uncirculated Coin Set. These ten mint condition coins depict our most revered and honored Presidents, reminding us of the promise of America and the heroes who made the dream of a free land come true. The 1995 Uncirculated Coin Set will enable you to share in our nation's heritage while experiencing the pleasures of collecting U.S. Mint products-coins which are among the finest produced anywhere.

In the ongoing tradition of the Uncirculated Set, this year's set contains the Lincoln cent, Jefferson nickel, Roosevelt dime, Washington quarter, and Kennedy half dollar, produced at the historic Philadelphia and Denver Mints. Copper mint marks from the two facilities and a brochure describing the coins accompany each set.

Every year, thousands of Mint customers like you add to or begin their collections with the Uncirculated Set. Excellent for giftgiving, the set's historic interest and fine craftsmanship are sure to delight friends and loved ones.

I hope you enjoy your 1995 Uncirculated Coin Set this year and in the years ahead. We look forward to serving you in the future.

Sincerely,

Philip N. Diehl Director

United States Mint

P.S. Look for a new packaging alternative for the 1995 Uncirculated Coins in our 1995 annual catalogue.

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